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# **AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 2, 2002 (Paper No. 20). A three month extension of time is respectfully requested, and the appropriate small entity fee is submitted herewith. **Applicants** are a small entity and herewith assert small entity status.

### In the Claims

Please re-write the claims as shown below. A marked-up copy of the claims is attached to the end of this amendment as Appendix A.

1. (Thrice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of

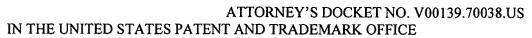
(a) a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a molecule consisting of a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, or SEQ ID NO:50 and which codes for a polypeptide having-a-RIP60 activity selected from the group consisting of DNA binding, protein multimerization, and nucleic acid looping,

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

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- [X] Amendment in response to Office Action dated July 7, 2002 (including Appendix A Marked-up Claims)
- [X] Appendix B: Draft Declaration of Nicholas H. Heintz
- [X] Check in the amount of \$465.00 (three month extension fee small entity)
- [X] Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check in the amount of \$465.00 is enclosed to cover the three month extension of time fee (small entity). <u>Applicants assert small entity status</u>. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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